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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please amend the
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 8 and 42-47 as follows:

8. (six times amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device
comprising:

depositing an oxygen-deficient dielectric film having a dielectric constant of at
least about 25 over an underlying layer;

subjecting the dielectric film to a wet oxidation with steam process provided by

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